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Art Unit: 1617

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APPLICATION NO: 08/945,249

FILED: FEBRUARY 2, 1998

FOR: USE OF (R)-PENCICLOVIR TRIPHOSPHATE FOR THE
MANUFACTURE OF A MEDICAMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF
VIRAL DISEASES**MS: After Final**

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Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$420 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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